(c) Haldia Dock complex is already enjoying functional autonomy in establishment and financial matters.

Development of Vadinar Port

188. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether request have been received to develop Vadinar Port in Gujarat for growth in traffic; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) the target for development of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Surface Transport had received request from State Government of Gujarat to develop Vadinar. However, the request was not considered as Vadinar has been an integral part of the Major Port of Kandla. Incidentally, no Port by the name of 'Vadinar Port' has been notified.

Declaration of new Highways in Madhya Pradesh

†189. SHRI RAGHAVJI; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of highways for which recommendation has been made by the Madhya Pradesh to be declared as National Highway during the last decade;

(b) the names of the highways which have been declared as National Highway out of these recommended highways;

(c) the names of the recommended highways which have not been declared as National Highway even after recommendation made by the Experts Committee of the Central Government alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of amount provided by the central Government for the repair of different National Highways in

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Madhya Pradesh during the current year 1999-2000 alongwith names of such National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRNSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) A list of proposals received from the State Govt, of Madhya Pradesh is at Statement-I *(See* below)

(b) Details are given at Statement-II *(See* below)

(c) There is no Expert Committee in the Central Government for making recommendation for declaration of new National Highways.

(d) An amount of Rs. 6026.48 lakhs has been allocated to the State of Madhya Pradesh for the maintenance and repairs of National Highways.

Statement-I

Declaration of New Highways in Madhya Pradesh

SL No	Route	Total Length (in Kms)
1.	Katni-Shahdol-Ambikapur-Jashpur Nagar-Gumla	534
2.	Ahmedabad (Gujarat)-Kanpur (U.P.)	738
3.	Gwalior (M.P.) -Ranchi (Bihar)	608
4.	Ahmedabad-Dhar-Indore	139
5.	Nagpur-Obaidullaganj	295
6.	Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Chatterpur-Panna-Satna-Rewa	440
7.	Raipur-Bilaspur-Sarangarh-Rajgarh-Kanaktura-Jharsugudda-Kochinda-Pravasuni-Deogarh-Talcher-Chandikhol	300
8.	Ajmer-Nasiabad-Bhilwara-Chitragarh-Nayagarh-Nimach-Ratlam-Ghatbilod (Indore)	280
9.	Pindwara-Udaipur-Chittorgarh-Kota-Shivpuri-Jhansi-Mahoba-Banda-Karwi-Mau-Allahabad	60
10.	Kanpur-Sagar	180
	TOTAL	3574

Statement-II

Declaration of new Highways in Madhya Pradesh

S.No.	NH No.	Route	Total Length (in Kms)
1.	59	Ahmedabad-Dhar-Indore	139
2.	69	Nagpur-Obaidullaganj	295
3.	78	Katni-Shahdol-Nagar-Ambikapur-Jaspurnagar-Gumla	534
4.	75	Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Chatterpur-Panna-Satna-Rewa	440
5.	200	Raipur-Bilaspur-Sarangarh-Rajgarh-Kanaktura-Jharsugudda-Kochinda Pravasuni-Deogarh-Talcher-Chandikhol	300
6.	79	Ajmer-Nasirabad-Bhilwara-Chitragarh-Nayagarh-Nimach-Ratlam-Ghatbilod (Indore)	280
7.	76	Pindwara-Udaipur-Chittorgarh-Kota-Shivpuri-Jhansi-Mahoba-Banda-Karwi-Mau- Allahabad	60
8.	86	Kanpur-Sagar	180
			TOTAL 2228

Double Laning of NH-44

190. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double lane the existing National Highway No. 44 between Agartala and Charibari in Tripura;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame decided for completing the work of double laning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Length of National Highway-44 in Tripura is 198 km. out of which 28 Km is already double lane. As per the extent policy, all National Highways are to be widened to double lane subject to intensity of traffic, condition of Road, interse priority on all India basis and availability of funds. However, no time limit has been prescribed for double laning entire stretch of National Highway-44 in Tripura due to paucity of funds.

National Highways Damaged by Flood in Assam

191. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SUR FACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 224 given in the Rajya Sabha on December 15, 1998 and state:

(a) the year-wise details of damaged caused by floods NHs in Assam since May, 1996 to March, 1999;